



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hu *et al.*

Appl. No. 08/469,641

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For: **Polynucleotides Encoding
Vascular Endothelial Growth
Factor 3 Polypeptides and
Methods for Producing the
Polypeptides (As Amended)**

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from December 11, 1997 to March 11, 1998 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$950.00 for a three month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 21311. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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